

"any reasonable basis." The proposal is that the city and the company decide upon an arbitrator and that these appoint a third.

Toronto, Ont.—There seems to be no chance of an agreement between the Toronto Electric Light Company and the city council. The company would favor the taking of a share in the company by the city; the city might take the public interests and the present company the commercial interests it was suggested. The city council said, however, that such an arrangement would not be satisfactory.

Brandon, Man.—There is said to be an offer from the Brandon Electric Light Company to supply power at a figure that will compare very favorably with the price estimated for the proposed Assiniboine power. It is stated that the Electric Light company is prepared to sell from 1,000 to 1,500 horsepower to the city at \$25 per horsepower.

Prince Rupert.—The city engineer reports that progress with the installation of the city lighting plant continues steady and rapid. Two of the British Columbia tie and lumber company's boilers now have been transferred from Seal Cove and landed at Cameron's Bay this morning. A gang of men has been actively engaged in grading and preparing lots for them.

BY-LAWS AND FINANCE.

The following municipalities invite bond tenders:

Shawinigan Falls, Que.—\$35,000 roads, waterworks and sewer debentures issued.

Bridgeburg, Ont.—\$10,000 local improvement debentures.

Carleton County, Ont.—\$20,000.

New Liskeard, Ont.—\$30,400.

Dauphin, Man.—\$11,000 electric light.

Yorkton, Sask.—\$140,000.

Rouleau, Sask.—The ratepayers have authorized the city council to borrow \$45,000 for waterworks system and \$15,000 for electric light.

Castor, Alta.—\$12,500.

New Norw. Alta.—\$2,000 permanent improvements.

Red Deer, Alta.—\$22,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—At their next meeting the city council will introduce a \$10,000,000 by-law to submit to the ratepayers, said by-law being a proposal to construct a new visible water system which will supply 48,000,000 gallons of water daily for an interminable time. It is proposed to submit a measure for a plant with a daily capacity of 24,000,000 gallons, which can be built for \$6,538,000.

High River, Alta.—By-law for the purpose of raising \$3,200 for installing a steam-heating plant and making necessary repairs to town hall was defeated.

Nanton, Alta.—The county council have decided to issue \$6,000 electric light and \$1,500 fire protection debentures.

Sydney Mines.—Council has been authorized to borrow \$14,000 for water extension.

Taber, Alta.—The gas debenture by-law to raise \$15,000 to bore for gas has been adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sydney, C.B.—The dredging work at Lorraine has been discontinued for the winter, a ledge having been struck at the entrance of the harbor and the cold weather interfering. Instructions have been received by the dredging company to continue the work next spring. The digging of the channel is now about one-half completed. Already \$10,000 has been spent on this work and \$7,000 more will be expended before its completion. When the work is done, Lorraine harbor will assume its proper value as a shelter for the fishermen. The dredging is being done by a local company, for whom Capt. Munn is in charge of the digger.

Quebec, Que.—It is altogether likely that locks will be established on the St. Charles River so as to make the watercourse navigable.

North Battleford, Sask.—The Order of Providence, Montreal, are contemplating the erection of a \$50,000 hospital.

Edmonton, Alta.—The work of constructing a channel through the Grand Rapids on the Athabasca River that will be navigable for flat-bottomed boats and that will eliminate the necessity of unloading freight boats at the Grand Rapids island, is now being carried on by the Dominion government, according to Z. Malhoit, Dominion resident engineer, who has just returned from a trip north to Grand Rapids.

Edmonton, Alta.—There was a cave-in at the huge excavation for the great pier on the high-level bridge. Thousands of tons of earth carried away the retaining walls and swept in derricks, boilers and concrete mixing machinery and buried them many feet deep. The damage is estimated at \$5,000 and a delay of two weeks in the work.

Fernie, B.C.—Hon. Thos. Taylor, Minister of Public Works, arrived here from Victoria. Mr. Taylor's visit is in connection with the starting of active operation upon the construction of the traffic bridge across the Elk River at Elkmouth. This improvement has been under consideration for some time, and will be pushed rapidly to completion.

New Westminster, B.C.—That the Vancouver Power Company may build an eighty-five-foot dam at Coquitlam, providing certain conditions are observed, is the ruling of J. R. Freeman, the engineer appointed by the Dominion Government to make an investigation at the dam following objections to its construction raised by the citizens of New Westminster and surrounding district.

Vancouver, B.C.—Extensive work is planned in the matter of the laying of cement sidewalks and a large number of streets are already on the list for these sidewalks. It is expected that still more will be added before operations are commenced next season.

Vancouver, B.C.—Recommendations were made by the city engineer for local improvements to the extent of \$264,000.

SEWAGE AND WATER

Fort William, Ont.—Mr. J. J. Flanagan, the local contractor, has gone to Dauphin, Man., where he will build 13 miles of sewers and put in 13 miles of a waterworks system. This is said to be the largest single contract of its kind ever awarded in Manitoba. In the neighborhood of \$400,000 will be expended for this work. The Fort William contractor has two years in which to complete the contract and intends to start work immediately.

Toronto, Ont.—The board's report of \$4,000 funds for the equipment of a bacteriological and chemical laboratory was amended by asking the Medical Health Officer to prepare plans and specifications, and the board to advertise for tenders.

Toronto, Ont.—Dr. Hastings, Medical Health Officer, told the local Board of Health that, on the receipt of a report of his inspectors in regard to conditions at certain abattoirs in the outer parts of the city and offensive odors coming from them, he had written them that they must take steps at once to clean out their drain pipes and otherwise improve conditions, or the Department would have to close them up.

Toronto, Ont.—Dr. G. G. Nasmith has been recommended for position of director of the city laboratory.

Welland, Ont.—Welland Water Commissioners visited Guelph, Galt, Paris and Brantford. The object of the trip was to inspect the waterworks system of these cities and obtain possible pointers in which they were successful. The outcome was that the board are unanimously in favor of the meter system for large consumers of water. They report this as a means to check the leakage of water and as a great saving of water.

Saskatoon, Sask.—As a result of the new steel standpipe now in course of erection on the west side of the city, about a block north of Christ Church, the city's water storage capacity will be about doubled. The new standpipe will be 85 ft. high and 25 ft. in diameter, and will have a storage capacity of 241,200 gallons. The water supply is at present pumped from the river by means of the pumps at the power house, into a sedimentation tank there, from whence it is pumped into the clear well and then into the storage standpipe at Nutana, having a storage capacity of 228,000 gallons. The foundations of the new standpipe on the west side were laid by the Saskatoon Construction Company, and were completed on the 15th of August. The steel work is being supplied by the Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, Winnipeg, and according to the agreement the contract must be completed by the 31st October.

North Vancouver, B.C.—Under section 256 of the Municipal Clauses Act several important works are being, or are to be, carried out. These include grading and constructing sidewalks on the Esplanade, between Lonsdale and Rogers avenues and on second street, from Lonsdale to Forbes ave.; a storm drain sewer on Lonsdale from the waterfront to